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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 09481.0009-01000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Jeffrey A. HEROUX et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1637
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Application No.: 09/976,437	)	Examiner: S. Chunduru
	)	
Filed: October 15, 2001	)	
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For: ASSAYS FOR MEASURING NUCLEIC	)	Confirmation No.: 3932
ACID BINDING PROTEINS AND	)	
ENZYME ACTIVITIES	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of October 19, 2004. A fee of \$1,020.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,


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